Success of "Home for all" scheme

†1657. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Government's scheme called "Home for all" has been successful;

(b) whether a number of people are still homeless in the country and have not been able to turn their dream of making their own home a reality;

(c) whether to own a house in metropolitan cities has just become a dream; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto alongwith the reasons for not being self-reliant in this direction even at the end of the century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) There is no such scheme run by this Ministry. However, under the 2 Million Housing Programme, construction of 7 lakh houses in urban areas every year will be facilitated through the State Government agencies on a demand driven basis.

As per projections made by the 9th Plan Working Group a total of 16.76 million units are required during the 9th Plan Period for covering the housing shortage. At the present rate of shelter delivery, it may require atleast another 15 years by which the shelter needs of the poor in all States are largely met.

Poor quality of water supply in Delhi

1658. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 375 samples of water collected recently by the local bodies of the capital, 145 samples were found unfit for consuption;

(b) if so, the reasons of poor quality of water supply in the city resulting in water borne diseases among Delhities; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi that the piped water supply by the Delhi Jal Board is by and large safe. The stored

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samples that were found to be without residual chlorine were mostly from JJ colonies, resettlement colonies and unauthorised colonies where socio-economic conditions, personal higiene standards and water storage practices are either poor or not upto the mark. In areas without piped water suppy or where the piped water supply is scarce, the ground water is drawn through hand pumps and other devices. The shallow ground water has been found to be contaminated in some such cases.

(c) The following steps are being taken to make the water potable:

(i) Surveilance of water quality is being maintained both the Delhi Jal Board and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by regular collection and testing of samples, particularly from the vulnerable areas;

(ii) In areas without piped water supply, chlorinated water is being provided through tankers;

(iii) Chlorine tablets for chlorinating water at home has also been arranged in areas without piped water; and

(iv) Health education compaigns with appropriate messages are also being conducted regularly.

Setting up of Earthquake and Typhoon Resistant Housing Units by Canadian Building Firm

1659. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and the Governments of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have jointly placed order on a leading Canadian Building firm to set up six earthquake and typhoon resistant low cost housing units; and

(b) by when, these units will be ready for operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Utilization of funds under poverty alleviation programmes

1660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state: